



# **NORTH FORK RANCHERIA OF MONO INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA**

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

### **Meeting Minutes**

- I. Call to Order**  
Tribal Chairperson Elaine Fink, called to order the regular meeting of the North Fork Rancheria at 6:00 p.m. on November 27, 2018 in North Fork, CA.
- II. Moment of Silent Prayer**  
A moment of Silent Prayer was observed.
- III. Roll Call**  
Tribal Secretary, Katrina Guitierrez conducted a roll call. The following Council members were present: Elaine Fink, Katrina Guitierrez, Maryann McGovran, and Edward Polkenhorn. Gary Walker was absent.  
  
Staff Present:  
Gary Nicholes – CAO  
  
Citizens Present:  
Eshme Williams – Clovis  
Heather Rios – Fresno  
Dennis Lewis – Mariposa  
Becca Lewis – Mariposa  
Bobby Hale – North Fork
- IV. Approval of Meeting Agenda**  
*Treasurer McGovran motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of the date. Vice-Chairperson Polkenhorn seconded. Mc 4/0/0*
- V. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the previous meeting (s)**  
*Treasurer McGovran motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 30, 2018. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 3/0/1 with Chairperson Fink abstaining.*
- VI. Tribal Council Chairperson Report**  
Chairperson Fink reported that the Department of Interior just announced that the Southern Miwok Nation received a ruling that they denied them their recognition status due to insufficient proof of requirements that was needed.  
Chairperson Fink also reported that in the Stand Up California case appealing NFR's decision, won't be decided until January and that our Attorney, John Maier seems optimistic that they will be denied.

**VII. Resolution Summary Report**

Secretary Guitierrez reported on Resolutions 18-68 through 18-74.

**VIII. Treasurer Financial Report**

Treasurer McGovran reported on the Financial Status Report for September. Treasurer McGovran also reported and explained what the Institute of Museum Library Services Grant (IMLS). NFR will be retaining this grant for the museum, with invoices being sent to NFR directly. The grant is supposed to assist the Board members learn different areas in maintaining and operating a museum, etc.

**IX. CAO Report**

Mr. Nicholes reported that the new scholarship policy has been approved and that is has been going really well. Mr. Nicholes also reported that there are ten families currently, in the child care program and transportation has done 1,962 miles and had 305 passengers.

**X. Central Valley Indian Health Delegate Report**

Fred Beihn was not in attendance. Chairperson Fink stated that Election for the area rep is tomorrow night at 4pm to 8pm at the clinic.

**XI. Sierra Tribal Consortium Report**

Lou Beihn was not in attendance. Chairperson Fink stated that the dinner was last Friday and that it went very well.

**XII. New Business**

There was no new business.

**XIII. Unfinished Business**

***a) Election 2018***

Chairperson Fink stated that it is postponed until further notice.

**XIV. General Comments from Tribal Citizens**

Tribal Citizen Eshme Williams reported that people have been coming the Community Center and inquiring about the Election. She requested to take the signs down so there won't be any confusion.

Tribal Council told her to refer them to the Election Board.

Tribal Citizen Bobby Hale inquired about Councilman Walker and the stipend he receives and now that Councilman Walker has a full time job, how is the stipend being paid.

Treasurer McGovran reported that Tribal Council made a motion to pay \$100.00 per day while physically in office and \$200.00 per meeting attendance and not to contact any staff unless emergency, after regular business hours.

Tribal Citizen Bobby Hale stated that Councilman Walker took an oath and this and any emergency situations should take priority over his job and that he should be here taking care of tribal business.

Chairperson Fink stated that Tribal Council does not make a lot of money and so it may make some go out and get a job.

Tribal Citizen Dennis Lewis inquired when and how much the per capita will be from the casino.

A discussion was held about how the projected Performa's (net per win of slot machines) were done for the area in Madera at the beginning of the project and revised a few years ago. Per cap will not be paid out right away, it could take seven to ten years depending on well the casino does.

A discussion was also held regarding what the General Manager will do and how to control any corruptness from happening anywhere in the Casino.

Tribal Citizen Bobby Hale inquired about the Election Board hours and Enrollment. He asked if their hours can be posted at the administration office. Mr. Hale also stated that he has been trying to call both Committees but seems to get no answer.

Tribal Citizen Dennis Lewis inquired about hiring prisoners when they get out and whether they can get jobs either at the Tribe or Casino.

Treasurer McGovran stated that due to our Federal Grant funding and the Crime Policy, anyone with a felony cannot work under the grants, and as far as the Casino, requirements fall under the National Indian Gaming Commission.

**XV. Consent Calendar**

*Treasurer McGovran motioned to approve the consent calendar with the following departments: TANF, ICWA, EPD, TANF Advisory Board, and EPD Committee. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 4/0/0*

**XVI. Calendars and Scheduling of the next Regular Tribal Council Meeting**

1. Life Beyond Recovery Coalition Meeting – 11/29 – 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. TANF Clovis office
2. EPD – Heritage Open House – 11/30 – 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. – NFR Community Center
3. NIM NOBE Grand Opening – 12/1 – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Wah Up Way
4. Next Meeting - TBD

**XVII. Adjournment**

*Treasurer McGovran motioned @ 6:49 p.m. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 4/0/0*

Minutes submitted by: **Katrina Guitierrez – 11/28/18**

<b>COUNCIL APPROVAL</b>
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At a meeting of the Tribal Council of the North Fork Rancheria, call and convened on the **26<sup>th</sup>** day of **February**, 2019, at which a legal quorum was present, these minutes were approved as amended by a vote of **4 For 0 Against 0 Abstaining**.

DATED this **1<sup>st</sup>** day of **March**, 2019.

  
Katrina Guitierrez, Tribal Secretary

  
Judy E. Fink, Tribal Chairperson